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The Town
of
ALSTEAD, N. H.



ANNUAL REPORT

1976

ANNUAL REPORTS
of the
TOWN OFFICERS
of
ALSTEAD, N. H.

For the Year Ending
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Cover:

Town Hall Dedicated February 26, 1891. Burned May 12, 1950.

Photo Courtesy Marie A. Radcliffe

TOWN OFFICIALS 1976

Selectmen

Fred Stearns	Term Expires 1977
George Nostrand	Term Expires 1978
Gloria Seddon	Term Expires 1979
Austin D. Fletcher	Moderator
Roberta Young	Town Clerk
Howard L. Goss	Town Treasurer
Roberta Young	Tax Collector
Erwin Ward	Chief of Police
Ralph Roy	Dog Constable
Richard G. Clark	Overseer of Public Welfare
Donal Anderson	Park Commissioner
Ronald Jacobson	Civil Defense Director

Trustee of Trust Funds

Edith Provost	Term Expires 1977
James Brooks	Term Expires 1978
Marie Radcliffe	Term Expires 1979

Fire Commissioner

John Burroughs	Term Expires 1977
O. Charles Wellman	Term Expires 1978
Loren Livengood, Jr.	Term Expires 1979

Library Trustees

Virginia Strout	Term Expires 1977
Marie Radcliffe	Term Expires 1977
Annette LaFrank	Term Expires 1978
Willard C. Kelley	Term Expires 1978
James Brooks	Term Expires 1979
Molly Leonard	Term Expires 1979

Arch Pond Committee

Howard Goss	Term Expires 1977
Marie Radcliffe	Term Expires 1978
Clifford Clark	Term Expires 1979

Supervisors of Check List

Clifford Smith	R. Eleanor Nostrand	Deborah Rhoades
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Ballot Clerks

Ora Clark	Lorraine Bellows	Beatrice Ramsey	Floyd Sears
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Planning Board

Pamela Rogers	Term Expires 1977
Timothy Noonan	Term Expires 1978
Peter Rhoades	Term Expires 1979
Floyd Sears	Term Expires 1980
Gloria Seddon	Ex-officio, Selectman expiring 1979

Vilas Pool Committee

Carla Blood	Gordon Cannon Jr.	Ira Day III
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Former Universalist Church Committee

Howard Goss	Term Expires 1977
Marie Radcliffe	Term Expires 1978
Clifford Clark	Term Expires 1979

School Board Members - Alstead Representatives Fall Mt. Consolidated School District

John Bengston	Term Expires 1977
Alfred Ikeler	Term Expires 1978

**TOWN WARRANT 1977
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Alstead in the county of Cheshire in said state, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at The Municipal Building in said Alstead on Tuesday, the 8th day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon. Polls will be open until 7:30 P.M. The Business meeting to be holden at 7:30 P.M. to act on the following:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.
2. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,500.00 for Town Officers salaries and expenses and elections and registration.
3. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,500.00 for Old Age Assistance and Town Poor.
4. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,000.00 for highway and bridges and oiling of Town roads and general maintenance.
5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$905.67 Town Road Construction (T R A), the State to contribute \$6,037.82.
6. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell real estate acquired by tax sales.
7. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, if necessary.
8. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for support of the Library.
9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the Town Planning Board.
10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$907.80 as the Town's share for studies and operation of the Southwestern New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission.
11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$3800.00 for operation of the Police Department.
12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for the expenses of the Dog Officer.

13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the following sums for items and purposes as listed:

a.	Maintenance and upkeep of the Municipal Building	\$1,800.00
b.	Operation and maintenance of the Town Dump	2,400.00
c.	Bonds for Town Officers, liability and prop. insurance	6,600.00
d.	For interest on temporary and long term notes	4,150.00
e.	For Social Security expenses	3,200.00
f.	For street lights including flashing lights	3,000.00
g.	For damage and legal expenses	300.00
h.	Civil Defense	150.00
i.	For care of cemeteries	600.00
j.	Parks and playgrounds	500.00
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		\$22,700.00

14. To see if the Town will authorize a discount of two (2)% on real estate taxes paid on or before September 30 next, on current year assessments. Further to authorize the Selectmen to extend this date up to thirty days as may be necessary to allow at least ten days before payment is due after mailing of tax bills.
15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to issue permits for playing Bingo as prescribed by law.
16. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for Memorial Day observance.
17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for 4th of July observance.
18. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to apply for, and accept any Federal Disaster Aid that may become available and expend these sums upon receipt of same.
19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00 for fire protection, equipment, and maintenance of the Alstead Fire Department.
20. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for Forest Fire Protection.
21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for payment on the long term note issued to purchase the new fire truck.
22. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,200.00 for repair and construction of the bridge beyond the Bell Hill bridge near James Relihan's.

23. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,500.00 for repair and reconstruction of the Rhoades District bridge.
24. To see if the Town of Alstead wishes to form a committee to study the feasibility of withdrawing from the Fall Mountain School District. The committee to look into the legal, financial, academic and social aspects of such a move. Said committee to be appointed by the selectmen providing there are enough volunteers offering to serve on the committee.
25. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to create a contingency fund for the replacement of hose and the purchase of equipment for Emergency Medical Treatment (EMT) personnel.
26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to close the following listed little used or discontinued roads and portions of such roads, subject to gates and bars as per RSA 238:1 and RSA 238:2 Revised Statutes Annotated.
 - (A) The road from Jack Bengston's to George Mouseley's Blueberry lot known as Murphy Hill road.
 - (B) The road leading off the Mine road opposite Bernard Molesky's to the town line known as Wellmen Pond road or Baine Swamp road.
27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Funds established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for use as set-offs against budget appropriations in the amount indicated; and, further, to authorize the Selectmen to make pro-rate reductions in the amount if estimated entitlements are reduced or take any other action hereon:

Appropriations	Estimated Amount
Article 4, Road Maintenance	\$5,000.00

28. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate to comply with the State Law regarding solid waste disposal, that becomes effective July 1, 1977, and to see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to contract with other communities and individuals in order to carry out whatever course is chosen.
29. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate to comply with state requirements as to the closing of the existing dump.
30. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$282.00 for the Monadnock Region Association. By request.
31. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$414.00 for support of the Cheshire Hospital for the year of 1977. By request.

32. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum \$3,315.00 for support of the Fall Mountain Visiting Nurse Association. By request.
33. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$663.00 for the support of the Monadnock Family and Mental Health Service in Keene, N.H. for 1977. By request.
34. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$92.00 for The Children and Youth Program at the Charlestown Medical Center. Said money to supplement the cost of heat and utilities. By request.
35. Let it be resolved that the People of Alstead, N.H. recommend to the President of the U.S. that Nuclear Power Plants being in the long term unsafe and uneconomical be discontinued in favor of more efficient use of the sun's energy: that is solar energy research and development and water power. By petition.
36. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Selectmen of Alstead

Fred C. Stearns, Jr.
George Nostrand
Gloria Seddon

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY VALUES

	1975	1976
Land	\$2,180,428.00	\$2,406,209.00
Buildings	6,573,710.00	6,792,090.00
Factory Buildings	105,800.00	106,200.00
Public Utilities	253,676.00	253,676.00
Boats & Launches	9,775.00	14,405.00
Mobile Homes	<u>331,015.00</u>	<u>322,425.00</u>
	\$9,454,404.00	\$9,895,005.00
Less Elderly & Blind Exemptions:	<u>86,900.00</u>	<u>115,150.00</u>
	\$9,367,504.00	\$9,779,855.00

ALSTEAD TAX RATE 1976

Net Assessed Valuation		\$9,779,855.00
Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Town property taxes assessed	\$ 434,225.56	
Total Gross Property Taxes	434,225.56	
Less: War Serv. Tax Credits	<u>5,739.00</u>	
Net Prop. Tax Commitment	428,486.56	
Tax Rate		4.44
Net School Appropriation	396,531.00	
County Tax Assessment	24,288.00	

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Land & Bldgs., Fire Station Combined	\$ 60,000.00
Furniture & Equip. and Four Fire Trucks	50,000.00
Libraries, Land & Bldgs. & Equip.	220,000.00
Police Department	
Equipment and Radios	6,600.00
Fire Department, Land & Bldgs. East Alstead	7,500.00
Highway Department, Land & Bldgs.	1,500.00
Equipment	55,000.00
Parks, Commons & Equip. & Vilas Pool	125,000.00
Former Universalist Church Land & Bldg.	<u>25,000.00</u>
	\$ 550,500.00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977
Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations
and Expenditures of the Previous Fiscal Year.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year
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From State:			
Interest & Dividends Tax	9,064.00	9,064.00	9,000.00
Savings Bank Tax	1,967.00	1,967.00	1,500.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	8,117.00	8,891.00	8,000.00
Highway Subsidy (Cl. IV & V)	13,391.00	13,395.00	13,307.89
Reimb. a/c Bus. Profits Tax	6,727.00	6,728.00	6,000.00
Road Toll Refunds	300.00	777.00	500.00
Class V Highway	5,623.00	5,623.00	5,639.29
From Local Sources:			
Dog Licenses	625.00	547.00	500.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	25.00	56.00	25.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	15,000.00	22,580.00	17,000.00
Investments		445.00	
Income from Trust Funds	32,000.00	36,431.00	32,000.00
Resident Taxes Retained	6,700.00	8,340.00	7,000.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	600.00	2,846.00	600.00
Rent of Town Property	1,100.00	2,738.00	1,500.00
Miscellaneous		287.00	150.00
From Federal Sources:			
Revenue Sharing	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
*TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES	<u>106,239.00</u>	<u>125,715.00</u>	107,722.18
*AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES	<u>452,075.00</u>	<u>437,506.00</u>	513,767.29
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$ 558,314.00</u>	<u>\$ 563,221.00</u>	\$ 621,489.47

APPROPRIATIONS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Town Officers' Salaries)			
Town Officers' Expenses)	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 13,795.00	\$ 13,500.00
Election & Reg. Exp.)			
Town Hall & Other Bldgs.		1,700.00	1,447.00	1,800.00
Employees' Retire. & Soc. Sec.		2,100.00	3,250.00	3,200.00
Contingency Fund E.M.T.				3,000.00
Former Universalist Church		500.00	168.00	

Protection of Persons & Property:

Police Department	3,300.00	4,099.00	4,200.00
Fire Department	7,360.00	7,951.00	8,600.00
Care of Trees	149.00	149.00	
Insurance	5,500.00	5,267.00	6,600.00
Planning & Zoning	1,090.00	1,281.00	1,107.80
Damages & Legal Expense	300.00	177.00	300.00
Civil Defense	150.00	159.00	150.00

Health Department:

(Incl. Hospitals & Ambulance)

Health Agencies	2,918.00	2,504.00	4,484.00
Art. 29 - closing of Dump plus			
Art. 28	1,600.00	2,831.00	2,400.00

Highways & Bridges:

Street Lighting	3,000.00	2,761.00	3,000.00
Gen. Exp. of Highway Dept.	45,000.00	64,214.00	55,000.00
Town Road Aid	910.00	910.00	905.67

Public Welfare:

Town Poor	4,500.00	2,928.00	4,500.00
Old Age Assistance	2,000.00	1,761.00	2,000.00

Patriotic Purposes:

	500.00	500.00	500.00
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Recreation:

	500.00	408.00	500.00
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Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries	500.00	647.00	600.00
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Monadnock Humane Society	100.00	100.00	
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Advertising & Reg. Assoc.			282.00
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Debt Service:

Princ. & Long Term Notes & Bonds	8,500.00	8,500.00	5,000.00
Int. - Lg. Term Notes & Bonds	850.00	1,172.00	650.00
Int. on Temp. Loans	950.00	3,473.00	3,500.00

Capital Outlay:

Bell Hill Bridge	12,000.00	11,950.00	
Rhoades District Bridge			11,500.00
Bridge by Relihan's			18,200.00
County Tax	24,288.00	24,288.00	30,000.00
School Tax	416,049.00	396,531.00	436,010.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 558,314.00	\$ 563,221.00	\$ 621,489.47
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The final payment has been made on the note for the former Universalist Church building.

The final Flood Disaster Aid Funds from the 1973 floods was paid. We paid outstanding debts from this fund that were owed from this flood disaster.

Federal Revenue Sharing Funds have been extended for another year. At this time we are not sure of the exact amount; but, it will be around \$5,000.

Due to the state's economy crisis, we have been forewarned that state aid programs could be decreased.

Our solid waste is a serious problem. We have been ordered to cease and desist as of July 1, 1977 and also to clean up the present dump area. This is going to be a costly venture; but, we have been working hard on the problem to try to determine the least costly way to pursue the issue. We thank Dan Curll for all of his help on the solid waste problem.

We have recommended departments to be more realistic in their appropriations in line with the recommendation of the auditor. Every year there have been overdrafts due to inadequate appropriations and this year due to an error on the part of the state we have a substantial deficit.

The Bell Hill bridge was reconstructed and we feel it was a job well done. We have two articles relative to bridges on this warrant. We had only anticipated one bridge project this year; but unfortunately we have two bridges posing safety problems.

We did not use the state for the audit this year and found using the other source a much better procedure. We thank the town for authorizing this alternate method at last year's town meeting.

We wish to thank Harry Neal for advising us on office matters when we requested his help. We appreciate your understanding as to the problems we have had this year with two new selectmen trying to conduct this office most of the year by themselves.

Selectmen of Alstead

Fred C. Stearns, Jr.
George Nostrand
Gloria Seddon

LIBRARY REPORT

As your Librarian, I submit my report for 1976.

Library hours changed in July from Monday and Tuesday from 1 to 6 and Wednesday from 1 to 4 and 6 to 8 to Monday and Friday 1 to 6 and Wednesday 1 to 4 and 6 to 8.

Three book meetings were attended in the District Office of N.H. state Library in Keene, youth books were on display.

Posters were again supplied to Vilas Jr. and Alstead Elementary Schools for National Library Week in April and Book Week in November.

During March, Youth Month, exhibits of Arts and Crafts by 3rd through the 8th grades were on display and one large mural, 5 x 4 feet was made of hundreds of shells of all kinds and small stones. Many patrons especially enjoyed that one along with the others.

During the summer Acworth's 3rd and 4th grades displayed winter scenes and Alstead's 3rd grade displayed art of "To each his own rainbow" during fall.

Weather permitting, the bus pupils visited the library on Mondays accompanied by 2 adults our thanks go to these adults again.

The summer reading program for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades was again "The Bicentennial Reading Program". 29 entered and 21 completed each child read 15 or more books to qualify. Those completing were awarded certificates and their pictures in our weekly News Review. 736 books were read during the program.

Keene District Bookmobile made 3 visits and left 1023 books.

66 books were borrowed from New Hampshire State Library by request.

Number of books purchased, 133; gifts, 72; magazines on loan, 27; daily paper, 1; weekly paper, 1.

Circulation for 1976:

Fiction	4965
Non-fiction	1371
Juvenile	4179
Records	149
Magazines	<u>1051</u>
Total	12,343

Irene Stevens, Librarian

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE SHEDD PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

RECEIPTS:

Shedd Porter Fund	\$ 5,572.37	
Carpenter Fund	33.63	
Kimball Fund	166.01	
C.F. Warren Fund	193.77	
Town of Alstead Water Pipe Damage	100.00	
Water Rents	60.00	
Cash for Book	5.37	
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	\$ 6,131.15	
Balance Check Book Jan. 1, 1976	372.89	
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	\$ 6,504.04	\$ 6,504.04

DISBURSEMENTS:

Librarian	\$ 1,559.16	
Assistant Librarian	69.00	
Treasurer	50.00	
Janitor	790.80	
Social Security	146.00	
Snow Removal	22.50	
Books - Magazines - Newspapers	900.85	
Insurance	643.00	
Telephone	142.98	
Electricity	263.89	
Fuel	1,331.27	
Postage and Supplies	99.25	
Repairs	330.83	
Water Expense	33.00	
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	\$ 6,432.53	\$ 6,432.53
Bal. Check Book Dec. 31, 1976		\$ 71.51

Balance in Savings Bank of Walpole \$2,471.17

Respectfully submitted,

Marie A. Radcliffe, Treasurer

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Direct relief aid and food stamps were given to several families during the year.

Richard G. Clark

REPORT OF CEMETERY CUSTODIAN

The cemeteries were raked over and leaves removed in the Spring. Mowing was done during the summer and fall. Fallen trees were cut up and removed. Brush was cut around the walls and was removed.

Richard G. Clark

REPORT OF THE ALSTEAD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Under the leadership of the three new fire commissioners the Alstead Fire Department has made fine progress and changes within the Department. We appointed Ronald Jacobson as first Deputy and Warren Campbell as second Deputy fire chief. Warren Campbell was also appointed Town Forest Fire Warden.

Many of the firemen attended training sessions sponsored by both local and state agencies. This included certification of two firemen, Warren and Delinda Campbell as Emergency Medical Treatment Technicians. In this regard we have planned to have many more firemen attend training sessions in Emergency Medical treatment and state sponsored schools in Forest Fire fighting.

Although we, the commissioners, inherited a \$1,400.00 deficit we managed to stay very close to the original budget due in part to the help of the selectmen and should not encounter this type of problem in the future.

The department answered 26 fire calls in town including: 16 chimney, 3 sawmill, 1 house, 3 brush and grass, 1 propane tank, 1 electrical and 1 gasoline fire. YOUR department also answered 17 mutual aid calls, 6 to assist other departments in fighting fires and 11 to cover other department stations.

Your fire department held 12 meetings, had 11 drills and 3 special drills along with answering 7 medical emergencies and one automobile accident for a total of 77 different meetings, drills, fires and assistant calls.

POLICE REPORT — 1976

It is becoming increasingly apparent that American citizens must develop an attitude of resistance to crime and take basic preventative measures to reduce their vulnerability to criminal acts. We, in a small community have an advantage over larger towns and cities because we are usually aware of our neighbors activities and their whereabouts. If something appears to be unusual or different it is quickly noticed by concerned neighbors or friends and can be reported at once. We urge people to report anything suspicious at once for "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure".

Alstead's police log continues to increase in the number of complaints handled each year. However, the nature of the complaints stay much the same but there are noticeable increases in some areas. Problems with our youth seem to be at the top of the list with their involvement in drugs, breaks, run aways and discontentment in the home. Certainly, Alstead is not alone with this statistic but what are we going to do about it?

I have worked this year with a probation officer in this area who has given me much assistance. I appreciate his help and the voluntary help extended by officers in nearby towns in emergency situations. My thanks also, to the State Police who are as near as my radio. Thanks to the three crossing guards who are also in order for their faithful duties performed.

Respectfully submitted,

Erwin W. Ward, Chief

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

When I was elected last March, a dedicated, hard working road agent retired. I wish to publicly thank Mr. Clifford Clark for all the help he has been to me since I have taken office. Clifford and Ina have gladly passed along useful information and have always given their time with the sincerest of good will. I also appreciate the help of Lee Soucie and Richard Clark who have continued to assist me this past year.

Tarring was done on the lower end of the Mine Road and on the Hill Road this past year.

Duncan money was spent on widening Bennett Hill and from the Sid Pratt place toward Slade Hill as far as the money went. This makes for easier snow plowing and to accommodate the increasing traffic.

The T.R.A. money has been held over because the bridge by Wayne Buffum's is in poor condition, making it unsafe for the remainder of the gravel to be hauled to the Corbin Road.

The Bell Hill bridge was reconstructed this past summer and now is a two land bridge. South Woods bridge was replaced with new timbers and planks. Several other bridges also were repaired.

Parts of South Woods Road, Bacon's and Putnam's Roads were widened in narrow spots for better snow plowing.

Culverts were replaced on Slade Hill, Pratt's, Log Cabin, Metcalf's and Pine Cliff Road.

With the closing of Comstock's gravel pit, we have been getting most of our gravel from Donald Wood's pit. This being somewhat finer gravel and with the help of the new rock rake, some of the dirt roads have been easier to maintain. Some crushed gravel was used on the Pine Cliff Road, Pine Grove Cemetery, Cooper Hill and Bacon's Road.

I wish to thank the citizens of Alstead for any assistance given to me this past year.

Kenneth H. Winham, Road Agent

INCOME OF ROAD AGENT

Clarence Abild, Rent of Truck & Loader	\$ 16.00
Grace Corbin, Sand Drive	4.00
Pauline Crosby, Sand	5.00
Granite State Insurance Company	
Repairs on Sander	10.00
Virginia Pride, Rent of Truck & Loader	5.00
Adolph Rasmussen, Sanding Drive	6.00
Pamela Rogers, Rent of Truck & Loader	21.00
Town of Langdon Highway Department,	
Rent of Truck and Sander	143.00
Town of Marlow Highway Department,	
Rent of Truck and Sander	110.00
Town of Acworth Highway Department	
Rent of Truck and Sander	351.00
Alstead Dump, Covering Dump	30.00

EXPENSES OF ROAD AGENT

Clifford Clark, Labor	\$ 2,469.90
Richard Clark, Labor	2,706.50
Robert Esslinger, Labor	70.00
George Garland, Labor	188.75
John Hancock, Labor	225.00
Lee Soucie, Labor	1,580.40
Kenneth Winham, Labor	10,456.05
Randall Wood, Labor	4,936.82
Adams Garage, GMC Parts	173.07
Angell's Automotive Service, Inc., Part	101.78
R.L. Balla, Lumber	22.80
Louis Beauchain, Gravel	298.00
Brown & Saltmarsh, Inc., Payroll Sheets	9.95
John Burroughs, Crushed Gravel, Screen Sand,	
Truck and Loader	3,320.00
C & L Petroleum, Gas and Oil	2,009.19
Central Parts & Supply, Inc., Parts	39.63
Cheever Tire, Tires and Tubes	288.70
Cheshire Signs, Bridge Signs	30.00
George Craig, Plowing Snow	32.00
Cray Oil Company, Gas and Diesel Fuel	238.48
Felix Damaziak, Lumber	204.60
Fall Mtn. Paint & Hardware Co., Hardware & Supplies	127.68
Robert Esslinger, Undercoating	34.00
R.C. Hazelton Co., Inc., Rock Rake, Sander Parts	1,693.73
International Salt Company, Salt	132.44

R.N. Johnson, Inc., Supplies, Chloride, Dozer Rental	852.97
Jordan & Milton Machinery, Inc., Grader Parts	33.80
Knices Garage, Gas and Repairs	1,964.45
Gerald Knicely, Rock Rake Rental	45.00
Metro Chemical Corporation, Liquid Chloride	239.00
Morton Salt Company, Salt	300.49
Lee Mousley, Welding, Blasting, Steel and Supplies	580.00
New England Explosives Corporation, Dynamite	163.00
Northeast Culvert, Culverts	3,387.59
North Walpole Supply, Shovels	24.75
Pelton Construction, Dozer and Gravel	64.20
Penn-Hampshire Oil Company, Inc., Oil and Filters	123.82
Don Porter, Mowing Roadside	456.00
Fred Porter, Sr., Shovel	108.00
Reynolds and Sons, Inc.	182.97
Carroll Robbins, Truck	1,010.00
Rouse Enterprises, Tires, Batteries	1,377.60
Ralph Roy, Plowing Snow	120.00
Richard M. Shaw, Loam	57.00
Shedd Porter Library Comm., Repair Water Pipes	100.00
Sparta Chemical Company	50.43
Stanwood Oil Company, Inc., Fuel Oil	332.21
Super Spring & Brake Company, Inc., Springs	67.81
Timber Owners of New England, Plowing Snow, Bridge Labor	173.50
Frank W. Whitcomb, Sand	1,057.38
Dale Wilson, Backhoe	59.50
Donald Wood, Gravel	304.00
George Woodell, Plowing Snow	30.00
Kenneth Winham, Truck and Loader	4,200.20
George Woodell & Daughters, Lumber	394.59

EXPENSES OF ROAD AGENT DUNCAN MONEY

John Burroughs, Equipment	\$ 272.70
James Dunlap, Equipment	1,020.00
Langdon Highway Department, Brush Chipper and Operator	166.50
Fred Porter, Sr., Equipment	2,350.00
Kenneth Winham, Equipment	450.00
Randall Wood, Equipment	570.00
Northeast Culvert, Culverts	830.00
Charles Welch, Gravel	109.50
Labor	557.00

TARRING

Asphalt	\$ 3,784.00
Equipment	1,291.00
Sand	1,072.20
Patch	1,314.02
Labor	869.50

REPORT OF THE FALL MOUNTAIN VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION TO THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD

The Fall Mountain V.N.A. provided a total of 3302 units of service to the five-town area of Alstead, Acworth, Charlestown, Langdon and North Walpole in 1976.

Alstead received a total of 367 units of service: 265 nursing and occupational therapy visits were made by professional staff; 102 Alstead residents were seen in clinics.

A large percentage of the V.N.A.'s services include evaluation visits, visits made to patients who are unable to pay, visits to new mothers and newborn infants, health promotion-disease prevention work and clinic services, none of which are reimbursable.

Although Alstead received fewer services in 1976 than the 473 received in 1975, experience from year to year shows the proportionate number of services varies from town to town and balances for each over a period of several years. Also, actual non-reimbursed Alstead patient service costs in 1976 totaled \$3,660. Of that amount only \$1,850 was met by the tax appropriation, leaving a balance of \$1,810. This indebtedness contributed to a deficit that the Agency was forced to meet by using up capital reserves and obtaining a loan that must be repaid in 1977.

Increased costs, plus the need to cover non-reimbursable services, make it necessary for the Agency to request \$2.50 per capita in 1977. Without this amount the V.N.A. may be forced to reduce its number of otherwise non-reimbursable services, a course that ultimately would be more costly both to the patients and to the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Frazer, Director

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

The Bicentennial Committee tried very hard to make the town aware of our country's Bicentennial year. A small volunteer group was formed very late in the year. They organized several events for the celebration. Because of lack of time and personnel, the committee was unable to accomplish all of its ideas. We raised the sum of \$59.00 in the sale of the old Alstead Bicentennial books. After deducting expenses of \$10.00 the sum of \$49.00 was turned over to the town treasurer. We would like to express with sincere gratitude our appreciation to all of those who worked in co-ordinating the events scheduled for the Bicentennial.

VILAS POOL COMMITTEE REPORT

Vilas Pool opened for the 1976 season with John Pellerin as supervisor. Carol Oleski and Ron Miller were hired as full-time guards. Bruce Ward acted as substitute and part-time guard. Others were hired as needed.

There are many projects that needed to be done to bring Vilas Pool to its top condition. Two projects had to be undertaken before the Pool was even able to open. The complete plumbing had to be replaced and dredging of the pool was necessary. Due to the cold and rainy spring season, Vilas Pool didn't open until the second week of June. The Committee thanks everyone for their understanding and cooperation at that time.

The Pool and area were cleaned and cleared by Ralph Balla & Sons. The large accumulation of silt and debris were hauled to the "Island" and levelled and wouldn't it be a wonderful thing to restore the island with picnic tables as it was 50 years ago. The cost of the plumbing and cleaning of the pool were just all that were able to be accomplished within the 1976 budget.

This year was the 50th Anniversary of the Pool which Alstead has had the privilege of funding by its humanitarian benefactor Charles Vilas. A Vilas Pool Day was held to celebrate this anniversary and largely attended by old and young alike. A varied program of events took place and the Committee felt that it was worthwhile and wish to thank the many who attended and contributed to make it a success. It would be impossible to thank each one of you individually without leaving someone out.

The management of Vilas Pool was turned over to one of the Pool Committee members Skip Cannan and to Bill Kibbee upon the resignation the last few weeks of the pool of John Pellerin. Red Cross Swimming Lessons were taught by Carol Oleski assisted by Ron Miller. These lessons were offered in 2 two-week sessions. The American Red Cross paid for the first two weeks of these lessons. Like many non-profit organizations relying on donations these offers will not always be available. The Committee felt there was a need and it would be beneficial to the youngsters of the surrounding towns to try this type of program. It proved most successful and the improvement in the swimming skills were substantially noticed even at the events on Vilas Pool Day. The first two weeks had 45 enrolled and the 2nd 85.

Charles Vilas left a great naturally damned recreation area for the use of the towns and at the time intended the amount of money left (Interest to be used only) was more than ample to cover his intentions of supervision, maintenance and the promotion of music for the town.

Each of us realize the inflated cost of living has left the Pool without adequate funds to fully maintain the recreation facility at 100% upkeep. This Committee as those in the past has tried to do some project each year. Just a few suggestions from this Committee that have got to be accomplished within the next few years are major and minor. The most important at present is the

Men's Dressing Room. The building needs new underpinnings and sills and a new flooring. The Pavillion itself needs much work from roofing to the outside siding needing to be refurnished. A most unusual center fireplace that the Alstead Fire Department courteously checked out and found needed repair before they considered it safe to use. The supervisor's apartment is in great need for furnishing as some pieces are no doubt the original piece that were there when the apartment was established.

One of the unique assets of the Pool is the Bell Tower. The series of 12 Clarrion bells, is housed in a stone tower that requires minor repair to its masonry. This past year Bill Brys of Charlestown volunteered his services in doing minor repair to get all the bells to chime. Over the years they have been abused and not given their respect due causing them now to really require the attention of professional advisors.

Another very important item concerning the Committee is the need for our beautiful stately pines that now require attention. Limbs should be removed and pruning should be done again professional advice is needed to preserve these beautiful assets.

We see Vilas Pool as a majestic beautiful place to be on a summer afternoon. Do we wish to preserve and really show our concern?

If anyone has suggestions or desire to contribute their time and efforts the Committee and Selectmen would be most pleased to hear from you. As a concern and interest in retaining our beautiful facility is all that is truly needed. Over the years many have given of their time and talents and this interest is a must, and that which too many have taken to retain for granted.

Again this year we were able to have several MANPOWER trained and sponsored young people to help with the ground's maintenance. Without this program we would not be able to maintain the grounds in the care that is required to keep the grounds and recreation area groomed.

The Committee would like to see Vilas Pool become again the focal recreation point of young and old alike. Mr. Vilas provided a source of musical entertainment throughout the summer months that should be retained. A band concert was presented under the leadership of Mr. Cuniff. This group is of local talent and interested persons wishing to preserve the beautiful sounds of musical concerts. One Saturday afternoon there was a demonstration of dancing presented by Marlboro Morrison Dancers illustrating English style dancing. These and other types of programs are hoped to be carried out during the summer fulfilling Mr. Vilas' desire to provide and maintain the musical culture of our heritage.

Programs to benefit and teach our youth are another interest the Committee wishes to see expanded with recreational supervision. Swimming lessons and recreational equipment geared to interest and bring our youth to a

worthwhile and healthy program.

We again would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone who contributed in any way for their help in making this 50th Anniversary of Vilas Pool a success.

Respectfully submitted,

Ira Day
Carla Blood
Gordon (Skip) Cannon
Vilas Pool Committee Members

REPORT OF ALSTEAD PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board had its busiest year to date in 1976, with a total of 18 sub-division proposals being presented for consideration. This is an increase from 9 proposals in 1975, showing a trend towards faster growth in the Town of Alstead.

In handling a 11 sub-division proposals, the Planning Board has considered as fully as possible the effects that each sub-division will have on Town services; and, subsequently, on the taxpayers. All decisions are made to correspond with the best interests of the entire town.

The Planning Board is once again grateful to the Southwestern N.H. Regional Planning Commission for their help during the year, and to the people of Alstead for supporting that organization. We also wish to thank those individuals who worked and cooperated with us this year to make our job easier. Our meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 P.M. in the municipal building, and are open to all interested residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Rogers
Timothy Noonan
Floyd Sears
Gloria Seddon
Peter Rhoades, Secretary

AUDITOR'S OPINION

We have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Town of Alstead, New Hampshire for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1976.

Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as were considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheets and statements of sources of revenue and expenditures present fairly the financial position of the Town of Alstead, New Hampshire at December 31, 1976 and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governmental entities, applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

Plodzick and Sanderson

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

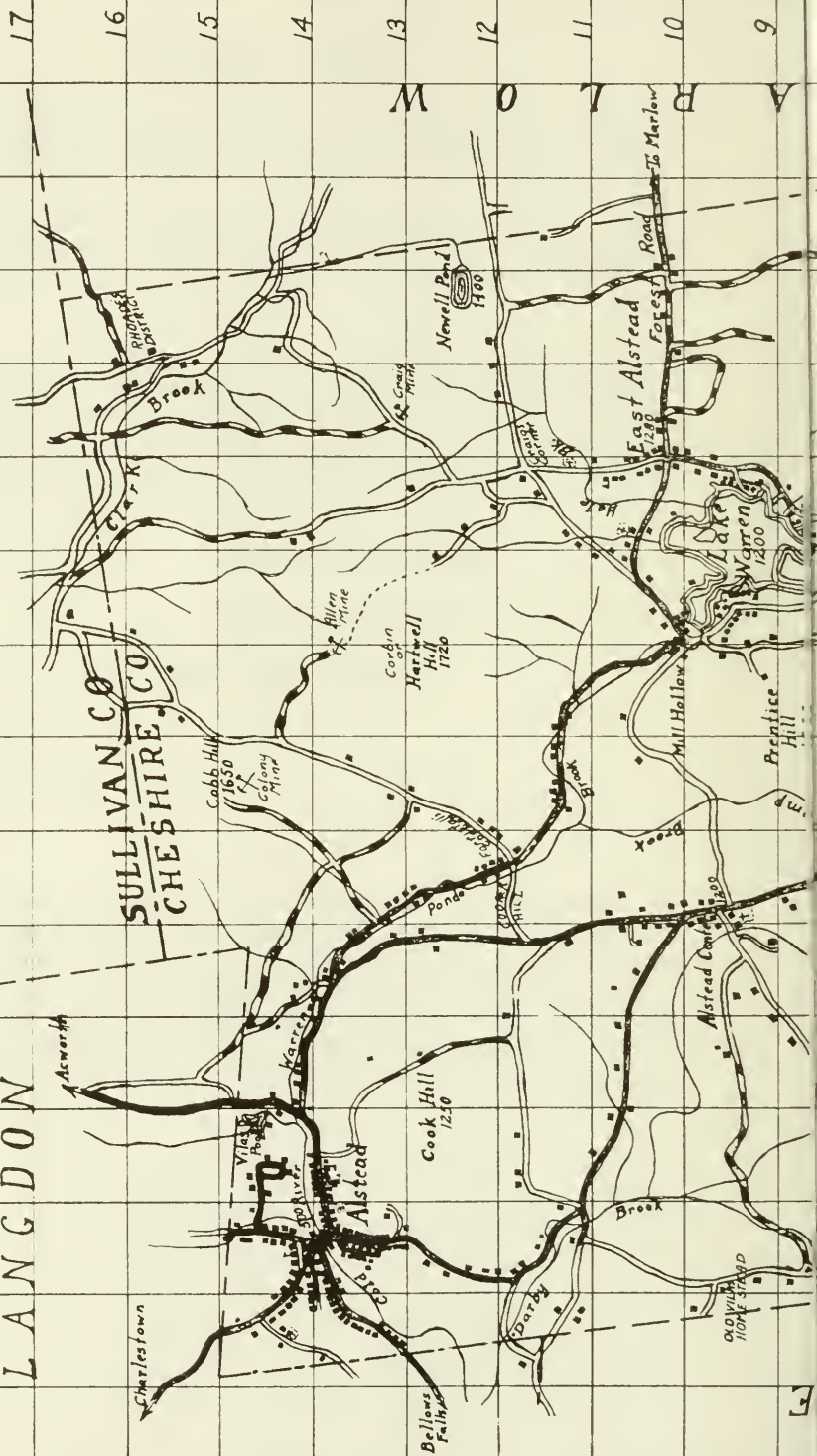
Board of Selectmen
Town of Alstead
Alstead, New Hampshire 03602

Gentlemen:

We have examined the books and records of the Town of Alstead, New Hampshire for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1976 and have prepared the attached exhibits and schedules in conformity with the recommended format prescribed by the Municipal Services Division of the State of New Hampshire. Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Vilas Pool Fund, Arch Pond Committee, and Trustees of Trust Funds.

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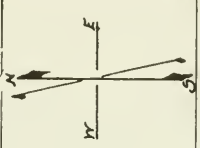




KEY
 Cross sections used
 to Locate Properties.
 Example - Vilas Pool
 located in section
 C-14

MAP OF THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD CHESHIRE COUNTY, NH.

Drawn by F.C. Dustin using U.S.G.S. Maps 1957



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

General Fund:

Comparative Balance Sheet - December 31, 1975 and December 31, 1976: (Exhibit A-1)

A comparative balance sheet disclosing the financial condition of the general fund as of December 31, 1975 and December 31, 1976, is presented in Exhibit A-1. As indicated therein, the financial condition of the Town changed from a current surplus of \$11,864 at December 31, 1975, to a current deficit of \$23,539 at December 31, 1976.

In addition to overspending budgetary appropriations as indicated in Exhibit A-3, the principal factor responsible for the current deficit at December 31, 1976 was an error by the State of New Hampshire in the computation of the 1976 tax rate. Two mathematical errors on the statement of appropriations form resulted in property taxes being raised **under** budgetary requirements by \$22,956. The required amount to be raised by property taxes should have been \$451,443, instead of \$428,487, which would have resulted in a tax rate of approximately 4.67 rather than 4.44.

Analysis of Change in Current Financial Condition: (Exhibit A-2)

An analysis of the change in current financial condition of the Town is contained in Exhibit A-2, with the factors which caused the change indicated therein.

Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures - Estimated and Actual Revenue: (Exhibits A-3 and A-4)

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenue for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1976 are presented in Exhibits A-3 and A-4. As indicated by the budget summary (Exhibit A-4), a net overdraft of appropriations of \$28,216, plus a revenue deficit of \$2,231, resulted in a net budget deficit of \$30,447 in 1976.

Long-Term Indebtedness:

Comparative Balance Sheet - December 31, 1975 and December 31, 1976: (Exhibit A-5)

A comparative balance sheet disclosing the long-term indebtedness of the Town as of December 31, 1975 and December 31, 1976 is presented in Exhibit A-5. The long-term debt decreased by \$8,500 in 1976, from \$18,500 at December 31, 1975 to \$10,000 at December 31, 1976.

Statement of Debt Service Requirements: (Exhibit A-6)

A statement of long-term indebtedness showing annual maturities of principal and interest is included in Exhibit A-6.

OTHER FUNDS AND OFFICIALS' ACCOUNTS

The accompanying supplemental exhibits covering segregated funds and the accounts of those officials entrusted with the custody, receipt of expenditure of Town funds; are presented in accordance with the current requirements of the Municipal Services Division of the State of New Hampshire. Although not considered necessary for a fair presentation of the financial statements and results of operations, our examination of these accounts included the same tests and auditing procedures applied in the examination of the aforementioned financial statements. In our opinion, these exhibits are stated fairly in all material respects when considered in conjunction with the financial statements taken as a whole.

We extend our thanks to the officials of the Town of Alstead for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Very truly yours,

Plodzik and Sanderson

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

Funds:

Under governmental accounting, self-balancing financial statements are prepared for each fund. A fund is defined as an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts; recording cash and other resources together with all related liabilities, obligations, reserves, and equities which are segregated for the purpose of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with special regulations or limitations. Please refer to the exhibits enumerated in the table of contents for the funds included in this report.

Accounting Method:

The Town of Alstead maintains its financial records using budgetary and single entry cash basis accounting. The financial statements have been prepared under the modified accrual method of accounting as applied to governmental entities. Routine operating bills received after December 31, are included in the subsequent year's expenses. This practice is consistent with that of preceding fiscal years.

General Fixed Assets:

The Town does not maintain a record of fixed assets. Accordingly, a report of this type of fund was not included within the scope of this audit.

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees:

The present system inaugurated by the State of New Hampshire in issuing motor vehicle permits to the Town Clerks creates an audit problem due to the fact that the permits are preprinted and are not issued by the Clerk and subsequently recorded in the cash book in numerical sequence.

Although our examination of the records included such tests as we considered necessary to express an opinion on the financial statements, it is not practical to account for 100% of the motor vehicle permits issued to the Clerk by the State of New Hampshire.

EXHIBIT A-1
TOWN OF ALSTEAD
General Fund
Comparative Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 1975 and December 31, 1976

ASSETS	December 31, 1975	December 31, 1976
Cash:		
General Fund	\$ 108,230	\$ 81,035
Special Payroll Fund	411	769
Special Highway Fund	(15)	401
Change Fund	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>
	\$ 108,651	\$ 82,230
Long-Term Notes Authorized -		
Unissued:		
Vilas Pool Gates		
(Art. 46 - 1972)	2,300	
Accounts Receivable:		
State of New Hampshire:		
Disaster Relief Act Funds	\$ 9,844	
Bounties	65	\$ 78
Other	<u>22</u>	<u>1,100</u>
	9,931	1,178
Taxes Receivable:		
Property	\$ 77,736	\$ 89,695
Resident	2,540	2,350
Yield	541	813
Tax Liens	<u>20,858</u>	<u>25,014</u>
	<u>101,675</u>	<u>117,872</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 222,557</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 201,280</u></u>

LIA., RES. & FUND BAL. Dec. 31, 1975

Dec. 31, 1976

Liabilities and Reserves:

Bills Outstanding	\$ 396	\$ 3,799
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Unexpended Balances of Non-Revenue**Appropriations:**

Vilas Pool Gates	\$ 2,300	
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Fire Truck	<u>2,741</u>	
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5,041

Due State of N.H.:

Bond and Debt

Retirement Tax	178	
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600

Tax Overpayments to be

Refunded	262	
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Tax Redemp. due Purchaser

75

Unexpend. Bal. of Spec.**Appropriations:**

Arch Pond Commission	\$ 3,613	
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Univ. Church Bldg. Fund	560	\$ 892
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Bell Hill Bridge	<u>568</u>	
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4,741

892

Restricted Assets:

Unapprop. Revenue

Sharing Fund	\$ 2,919	\$ 3,325
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Yield Tax Sec. Deposits	<u>2,210</u>	<u>1,663</u>
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5,129

4,989

School Dist. Tax Payable

194,946

214,464

Total Liab. & Reserves

\$ 210,693

\$ 224,819

Current Surplus (Deficit)

11,864(23,539)

TOT. LIABILITIES,
RESERVES & FUND
BALANCE

222,557\$ 201,280

See Notes to Financial Statements

EXHIBIT A-2
TOWN OF ALSTEAD
General Fund
Analysis of Change in Current Financial Condition
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

Current Surplus - Dec. 31, 1975	\$ 11,864	
Current Deficit - Dec. 31, 1976	23,539	
	<u> </u>	
Change in Financial Condition		<u><u>\$ 35,403</u></u>

Analysis of Change

Decreases in Current Surplus:

Net Budget Deficit (Exhib. A-4)	\$ 30,447	
Adjustment in Disaster Relief		
Act Funds Receivable	<u>4,988</u>	
		\$ 35,435

Increase in Current Surplus:

Prior Year Accounts Payable		
Adjustment	<u>32</u>	
Net Change in Financial		
Condition		<u><u>\$ 35,403</u></u>

EXHIBIT A-3
TOWN OF ALSTEAD
General Fund
Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

	Encumb'd From 1975	Approp. 1976	Receipts & Reimburse.	Total Am't Available	Expend. 1976	Unexpend.	Balances Overdrafts	Encumb'd
General Government:								
Town Officers' Salaries)		\$ 12,000	\$ 4	\$ 12,004	\$ 13,795		\$ 1,791	
Town Officers' Expenses)								
Election & Reg. Exp.)		1,700		1,700	1,447	253		
Town Hall & Bldgs. Maintenance								
Protection of Persons and Property:								
Police Department		3,300		3,300	4,099		799	
Fire Department, including Forest Fires		7,360	51	7,411	7,951		540	
Care of Trees		149		149	149			
Insurance		5,500	218	5,718	5,267	451		
Planning and Zoning		1,090	12	1,102	1,281		179	
Civil Defense		150		150	159		9	
Humane Society		100		100	100			
Health & Sanitation:								
Health Agencies		2,918		2,918	1,504	414		
Town Dump		1,600		1,600	2,831		1,231	
Highways and Bridges:								
Town Road Aid		910		910	910		3	242
Street Lighting		3,000		3,000	2,761		3	242
General Exp. of Highway Department		45,000	120	45,120	64,214		21,812	2,718
Public Welfare:								
Old Age Assistance		2,000		2,000	1,761	239		
Town Poor		4,500		4,500	2,928	1,572		
Patriotic Purposes								
Recreation		500		500	500		92	
Public Service Enterprises:								
Cemeteries		500		500	647			147

EXHIBIT A-4
TOWN OF ALSTEAD
General Fund
Comparative Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenue
and Budget Summary
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

SOURCE	---Revenue---		Excess	Deficit
	Estimated	Actual		
Taxes:				
Current Year:				
Property Taxes	\$ 451,443	\$ 428,929		\$ 22,514
Resident Taxes	6,700	8,340	1,640	
Yield Taxes	2,849	2,846		3
Prior Year:				
Resident Taxes		340	340	
Property Taxes		23	23	
Int. on Delinquent Taxes	3,500	6,193	2,693	
From State of N.H.				
Int. & Dividends Tax	9,064	9,064		
Savings Bank Tax	1,967	1,967		
Meals and Rooms Tax	8,117	8,891	774	
Class V Highways	5,623	5,623		
Highways Subsidy	13,391	13,395	4	
Business Profits Tax	6,727	6,728	1	
Road Toll Refunds	300	777	477	
From Federal Government:				
Revenue Sharing Fund	5,000	5,000		
From Local Sources:				
Income from Trust Funds	32,000	36,431	4,431	
Motor Veh. Permit Fees	15,000	22,580	7,580	
Rent of Prop. & Equip.	1,100	2,738	1,638	
Dog Licenses	625	547		78
Bus. Lic., Permits & Fees	25	56	31	
Interest on Investments		445	445	
Miscellaneous		287	287	
Totals	\$ 563,431	\$ 561,200	\$ 20,364	\$ 22,595

Budget Summary

Overdrafts of Approp.	\$ 32,391	
Unexpended Balance of Appropriations	<u>4,175</u>	
Net Overdraft of Approp.		\$ 28,216
Estimated Revenue	\$ 563,431	
Actual Revenue	<u>561,200</u>	
Revenue Deficit		<u>2,231</u>
Net Budget Deficit		<u><u>\$ 30,447</u></u>

EXHIBIT A-5 TOWN OF ALSTEAD Long-Term Indebtedness Comparative Balance Sheet As of December 31, 1975 and December 31, 1976

ASSETS	December 31, 1975	December 31, 1976
Amount To Be Provided For Retirement Of Long-Term Debt	<u>\$ 18,500</u>	<u>\$ 10,000</u>
 LIABILITIES		
Long-Term Notes Outstanding:		
Bldg. Acquisition Notes - 1971	\$ 2,000	
Fire Truck Notes - 1975	<u>16,500</u>	<u>\$ 10,000</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u><u>\$ 18,500</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 10,000</u></u>

EXHIBIT A-6
TOWN OF ALSTEAD
Long-Term Indebtedness
Statement of Debt Service Requirements
As of December 31, 1976

Fire Truck Notes
6.5%

Amount of Original Issue	\$16,500
Date of Original Issue	August 22, 1975
Principal Payable Date	August 22
Interest Payable Date	August 22
Payable At	Connecticut River National Bank, Charlestown, New Hampshire

	-----Total-----	
Maturities - Fiscal Year Ending:	Principal	Interest
December 31, 1977	\$5,000	\$650
December 31, 1978	\$ 5,000	325
Totals	\$ 10,000	\$ 975

EXHIBIT B-1
TOWN OF ALSTEAD
General Fund
Classified Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Current Year:

Property Taxes	\$ 333,542	
Resident Taxes	6,190	
Yield Taxes	2,672	
		\$ 342,404

Prior Years:

Property Taxes	\$ 77,511	
Resident Taxes	2,380	
Yield Taxes	352	
		80,243

Interest on Delinquent Taxes	5,923	
Resident Tax Penalties	270	
Tax Sales Redeemed	17,011	
Tax Liens Purch. by Others	<u>75</u>	
		\$ 445,926
From State of New Hampshire:		
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 9,064	
Savings Bank Tax	1,967	
Meals and Rooms Tax	8,891	
Class V. Highways	5,623	
Highway Subsidy	13,395	
Business Profits Tax	6,728	
Road Toll Refunds	777	
Bounties	<u>17</u>	
		46,462
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:		
Income From Trust Funds	\$ 36,431	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	22,590	
Rent of Property and Equip.	1,638	
Dog Licenses	547	
Bus. licenses, permits & fees	56	
Interest on Investments	445	
Alstead Board of Trade Funds	85	
Miscellaneous	<u>224</u>	
		62,016
Total Current Rev. Receipts		\$ 554,404
Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:		
Proceeds of Tax Anticipation		
Notes	\$ 200,000	
Yield Tax Security Deposits	1,251	
Grants From U.S.A.:		
Revenue Sharing	\$ 5,124	
Interest on Rev. Sharing Funds	282	
Disaster Relief Act Funds	<u>4,856</u>	
		10,262
Refunds - Current Year	<u>419</u>	
Total Receipts Other Than Current Revenue		211,932
Tot. Receipts From All Sources		\$ 766,336
Cash Bal. - Dec. 31, 1975		<u>108,230</u>
GRAND TOTAL		<u><u>\$ 874,566</u></u>

EXPENDITURES

General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 6,623
Town Officers' Expenses	5,556
Election & Registration Exp.	1,616
Town Hall & Bldgs. Maint.	<u>1,447</u>

\$ 15,242

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department	\$ 4,099
Fire Dept., including For. Fires	7,951
Care of Trees	149
Insurance	5,267
Planning and Zoning	1,281
Civil Defense	159
Humane Society	100
Bounties	<u>30</u>

19,036

Health and Sanitation:

Health Agencies	\$ 2,504
Town Dump	<u>2,831</u>

\$ 5,335

Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid	\$ 910
Street Lighting	2,761
General Exp. of Highway Dept.	<u>64,214</u>

67,885

Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance	\$ 1,761
Town Poor	<u>2,928</u>

4,689

Patriotic Purposes

500

Recreation

408

Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries	647
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Unclassified:

Retirement and Soc. Sec.	\$ 3,250
Damages and Legal Expenses	177
Universal. Church Bldg. Fund	168
Transfer of Arch Pond	
Commission Funds	3,613
Taxes Bought by Town	21,647

Abatements and Refunds:

Property Tax	\$ 505	
Prior Year Overpayments	230	
Motor Vehicle Fees	10	
Other	<u>10</u>	
		755
Yield Tax Security Deposits to Tax Collector		<u>1,797</u>
		31,407

Debt Service:**Interest on Debt:**

Long-Term Notes	\$ 1,172	
Tax Anticipation Notes	<u>3,473</u>	
		\$ 4,645

Principal of Debt:

Long-Term Notes	\$ 8,500	
Tax Anticipation Notes	<u>200,000</u>	
		<u>208,500</u>
		\$ 213,145

Capital Outlay:

Bell Hill Bridge	\$11,950	
New Fire Truck	<u>2,328</u>	
		14,278

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

State of New Hampshire:			
Bond and Debt Retire. Tax	\$	140	
County Tax		24,288	
School District Tax:			
1975-76 Assessment	\$	194,946	
1976-77 Assessment		<u>201,585</u>	
		396,531	
			<u>420,959</u>
Total Expenditures for all Purposes	\$	793,531	
Cash Bal. - Dec. 31, 1976		<u>81,035</u>	
GRAND TOTAL			<u><u>\$ 874,566</u></u>

**EXHIBIT B-2
TOWN OF ALSTEAD
Revenue Sharing Fund
Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Fund Balance
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976**

Fund Balance - Dec. 31, 1975 \$ 2,919

Receipts During Year:

Entitlement Payments	\$ 5,124	
Interest Income	<u>282</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>5,406</u>
Total Amount Available		<u>\$ 8,325</u>

Expenditures During Year:

Operating and Maintenance:		
Public Safety		<u>5,000</u>
Fund Balance - Dec. 31, 1976		<u><u>\$ 3,325</u></u>

EXHIBIT B-3
TOWN OF ALSTEAD
Special Payroll Fund
Statement of Cash Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

Cash Balance - Dec. 31, 1975	\$ 411
Receipts During Year:	
Fund Transfers	<u>22,761</u>
Total Amount Available	\$ 23,172
Expenditures During Year:	
Payroll and Payroll Tax Drafts Written	<u>22,403</u>
Cash Balance - Dec. 31, 1976	<u><u>\$ 769</u></u>

EXHIBIT B-4
TOWN OF ALSTEAD
Special Highway Fund
Statement of Cash Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

Cash Balance - Dec. 31, 1975	(\$ 15)
Receipts During Year:	
Transfers From General Fund	<u>61,226</u>
Total Amount Available	\$ 61,211
Expenditures During Year:	
Payroll	\$ 23,276
Truck Hire, Materials, Etc.	<u>37,534</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>60,810</u>
Cash Balance - DEc. 31, 1976	<u><u>\$ 401</u></u>

EXHIBIT C-1
TOWN OF ALSTEAD
Summary of Warrants
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

— DR. —	---Levies Of---		
	1976	1975	1974
Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1975:			
Property		\$ 77,736	
Resident		2,540	
Yield		244	\$ 297
Taxes Committed to Collector:			
Property	\$ 428,506		
Resident	8,110		
Yield	3,416		
Added Taxes:			
Property	423		
Resident	230	330	
Interest Collected	7	3,955	
Penalties Collected	32	238	
Tax Overpayments		33	
Total Credits	440,724	\$ 85,076	\$ 297

EXHIBIT C-2
TOWN OF ALSTEAD
Summary of Tax Sale Accounts
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

— DR. —	1975	---Levies of--- 1974	1973
Unredeemed Taxes -			
December 31, 1975	\$	\$ 15,324	\$ 5,534
Tax Sale of August 14, 1976	21,647		
Int. & Costs Coll. After Sale	138	687	1,136
Total Debits	\$ 21,785	\$ 16,011	\$ 6,670

— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer:			
Redemptions	\$ 5,087	\$ 6,870	\$ 5,054
Interest and Costs	138	687	1,136
Abatements			480
Unredeemed Taxes -			
December 31, 1976	16,560	8,454	
Total Credits	\$ 21,785	\$ 16,011	\$ 6,670

EXHIBIT D
TOWN OF ALSTEAD
Statement of Town Clerk's Account
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

— DR. —

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:		
1975 Permits	\$ 473	
1976 Permits	22,117	
Dog Licenses and Penalties Coll.	547	
Filing Fees	12	
Total Debits		\$ 23,149

— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$ 22,590	
Dog Licenses and Penalties	547	
Filing Fees	12	
Total Credits		\$23,149

EXHIBIT E
TOWN OF ALSTEAD
Vilas Pool Fund
Statement of Cash Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

Cash Balance - December 31, 1975		\$ 8,728
Receipts During Year:		
Vilas Fund Income	\$ 5,228	
Donations	31	
Interest Income	186	
Other	131	
Total Receipts		<u>5,576</u>
Total Amount Available		\$14,304
Expenditures During Year:		
Labor	\$ \$4,782	
Materials and Supplies	1,281	
Contracted Services	2,081	
Utilities	411	
Total Expenditures		<u>8,555</u>
Cash Balance - December 31, 1976		<u><u>\$ 5,749</u></u>

EXHIBIT F
TOWN OF ALSTEAD
Arch Pond Committee
Statement of Cash Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

Receipts During Year:		
Transferred From Gen. Fund	\$ 3,613	
County Forestry Service	104	
Interest on Investments	115	
Total Receipts		\$ 3,832
Expenditures During Year:		
Labor	\$ 368	
Supplies and Repairs	57	
Total Expenditures		<u>425</u>
Cash Balance - December 31, 1976		<u><u>\$3,407</u></u>

EXHIBIT G-1
TOWN OF ALSTEAD
Trust Funds
Summary of Principal, Income and Investments
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

	----PRINCIPAL----		-----INCOME-----				Balance Of	
	Balance Dec. 31, 1975	Balance Dec. 31, 1976	Balance Dec. 31, 1975	Earned During Year	Expended During Year	Balance Dec. 31, 1976	Prin.-Inc. Dec. 31, 1976	
Warren Monument fund	\$ 5,262	\$ 5,262	\$ 974	\$ 294	\$ 273	\$ 995	\$ 6,257	
Kimball Library Fund	2,465	2,465		166	166		2,465	
Carpenter Library Fund	500	500		34	34		500	
C.F. Warren Library Fund	5,650	5,650		193	193		5,650	
Cemetery Trust Funds	52,590	52,590	7,469	4,375	6,888	4,956	57,546	
Kingsbury School Fund	606	606	194	32		226	832	
Wells and Smith Cemetery and School Funds	510	510	51	29	43	37	547	
The Maybelle H. Still Memorial Fund - Town History	13,715	13,715	2,669	1,081		3,750	17,465	
Totals	\$81,298	\$81,298	\$11,357	\$6,204	\$7,597	\$9,964	\$91,262	

EXHIBIT G-1 (Continued)
TOWN OF ALSTEAD
Trust Funds
Summary of Principal, Income and Investments
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

Investments		
Bonds:		
5M - United States Treasury Bonds 3%		\$ 5,000
Savings Bank Deposits:		
Cheshire County Savings Bank	\$ 9,330	
New Hampshire Savings Bank	6,631	
Sugar River Savings Bank	2,757	
Savings Bank of Walpole	<u>7,908</u>	
		26,626
Stocks: (At Cost)		
No. of Shares		
1,064— Citicorp	\$ 6,640	
2,129.461 — Massachusetts Investors Trust	<u>9,076</u>	
		15,716
Time Certificates of Deposits		42,630
Checking Account - Bellows Falls Trust Company	<u>1,290</u>	
Total Trust Funds		<u><u>\$91,262</u></u>

EXHIBIT G-2
TOWN OF ALSTEAD
Trust Funds - Income Account
Statement of Cash Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

Cash Balance - December 31, 1975		\$ 8,605
Receipts During Year:		
Interest on Deposits	\$ 3,356	
Stock Dividends	<u>1,767</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>5,123</u>
Total Amount Available		\$13,728
Expenditures During Year:		
Cemeteries	\$ 7,204	
Shedd - Porter Library	<u>394</u>	
Total Expenditures		<u>7,598</u>
Cash Balance - December 31, 1976		<u><u>\$ 6,130</u></u>

**EXHIBIT H
TOWN OF ALSTEAD
Town Officers' Surety Bonds
1976**

	Number	Amount	Term Beginning
Town Treasurer:			
Howard L. Goss American Fidelity Co.	34,4422	\$40,000	March 4, 1975
Tax Collector:			
Roberta L. Young American Fidelity Co.	34-44-22	\$40,000	March 4, 1975
Town Clerk:			
Roberta L. Young American Fidelity Co.	34-44-22	\$ 3,000	March 4, 1975
Road Agent:			
Kenneth H. Winham Granite State Insurance Co.	36-10-69	\$ 1,000	March 2, 1976
Constable:			
Erwin W. Ward Granite State Insurance Co.	36-10-69	\$ 1,000	March 2, 1976
Trustees of Trust Funds:			
Edith F. Provost American Fidelity Co.	34-44-23	\$14,000	March 6, 1974
James J. Brooks American Fidelity Co.	34-44-24	\$14,000	March 4, 1975
Marie A. Radcliffe American Fidelity Co.	34-44-25	\$14,000	March 2, 2976

1976 BIRTHS

Date	Place of Birth	Baby's Name	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
Jan. 24	Brattleboro, Vt.	Darian Lee	Britton Cummings Kelley	Karen Jean Cuche
Feb. 25	Keene, N.H.	Amie Marie	Michael James Mooney	Jeannie Eileen Murdock
June 17	Keene, N.H.	Sherri Marie Elizabeth	Charles Leroy Macomber III	Judith Josephine Clark
June 25	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Jamey John	John Wallace Whitney	Lenita Ann Beam
June 30	Brattleboro, Vt.	Emily Taft	Tedd Hervy Benson	Christine Ellen Taft
July 3	Keene, N.H.	Scott Everet	Ernest Patrick Simonds	Barbara Louise Pitkin
Aug. 10	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Rock Allen	Lawrence James Wilson	Juanita Lorraine Thompson
Aug. 25	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Wayne Edward	Steven Stewart St. Pierre	Christina Marie Carroll
Aug. 25	Keene, N.H.	Tanya Marie	Arthur Jay Ward	Christine Ruth Burgoyne
Aug. 26	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Richard Jeffrey	John Joseph Nostrand	Pamela Jean Ross
Dec. 2	Keene, N.H.	Michael Ernest	Ernest Benjamin Descoteaux Jr.	Lynda Lee Desrosiers

1976 MARRIAGES

Name of Groom	Residence	Name of Bride	Residence	Place of Marriage	Date
Robert Kenson Esslinger	Alstead, N.H.	Susan Marie Johnson	Alstead, N.H.	Alstead, N.H.	1/17/76
Richard Allan Clauson Sr.	Marlboro, N.H.	Helen Ruth Kibbee	Alstead, N.H.	Alstead, N.H.	2/14/76
Dan William Serburne	Alstead, N.H.	Laurel Toni Sebastian	Alstead, N.H.	Keene, N.H.	4/3/76
Richard M. Worth Jr.	Surry, N.H.	Elizabeth H.P. Shaw	Alstead, N.H.	Alstead, N.H.	6/12/76
Joseph John Nichols	Alstead, N.H.	Gladys Gail Wilson	Alstead, N.H.	Keene, N.H.	7-17-76
Mark Danbridge Buttrick	Alstead, N.H.	CAROL Mae Woods	Keene, N.H.	Surry, N.H.	8-14-76
Paul Alan Clough	Springfield, Vt.	Danie Marie Karpinski	Springfield, Vt.	Alstead N.H.	9-19-76
Daniel David Kalinowski	Alstead, N.H.	Gail Marie Dickinson	Fitchburg, Mass.	Alstead, N.H.	9-25-76
Robert Randall Molesky	Alstead, N.H.	Susan Elizabeth Castor	Gilsum, N.H.	Surry, N.H.	10-2-76
Carroll Edward Hatch Jr.	Alstead, N.H.	Viola Dorothy Duchane	Alstead, N.H.	Alstead, N.H.	11-27-76
William Everett Cannon	Alstead, N.H.	Dorothea May Martin	Alstead, N.H.	Alstead, N.H.	12-4-76
William O. Nostrand	Alstead, N.H.	Patricia A. King	Rockingham, Vt.	Bellows Falls, Vt.	12-11-76

1976 DEATHS

Date	Name	Place of Death	Age
Jan. 11	Clyde Warren Coburn	Keene, N.H.	63
Jan. 21	Frank C. Dustin	Keene, N.H.	68
Feb. 10	Margaret B. Squibb	Alstead, N.H.	87
*March 19	Eleanor Bontecou	Washington, D.C.	98
July 19	Robert W. Dunlap	Keene, N.H.	67
July 26	Robert M. Brown	Keene, N.H.	57
Aug. 29	Nettie H. Sadler	Bellows Falls, Vt.	99
Sept. 19	Gertrude Marion Batchelder	Hanover, N.H.	88
Nov. 19	Albert Dinsmore	Bellows Falls, Vt.	72
*Dec. 21	Daniel Leonard Frost	Largo, Florida	39

* Brought to Town For Burial

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Alstead, N.H. 03602

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